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Consumer Affairs Merger

As part of his FY 2011-2012 Proposed Budget, the CEO is recommending consolidation of the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) into the Department of Community and Senior Services (CSS) in order to save \$510,000. Of that amount, \$346,000 would result from the consolidation and the remaining \$164,000 is part of the Departmental curtailments that would take effect regardless of consolidation.

While consolidations of County departments make sense in concept, another solution would be more appropriate. DCA is a high performing department that draws down settlement funds and other external revenues in large part, because they operate as an independent agency. In addition, the positions being proposed for elimination are unique to DCA, including functions that may not be replicable at CSS. Housing DCA under the umbrella of a larger department, may not only be a risk in terms of DCA's operation, but may also jeopardize its ability to generate future revenues.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors instruct the CEO to defer DCA consolidation and report back to the Board with the identification of \$346,000 in

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other offsetting curtailments (in addition to the \$164,000 in curtailments already in the budget), as an alternative to the consolidation proposal. The report should be submitted in time for consideration of the FY 2011-2012 Adopted Budget in June.

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